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1. SHORTLY AFTER SENDING TEHRAN 1723 WE RECEIVED REFTEL. DURING CONVERSATION THIS MORNING, FEBRUARY 19, AMBASSADOR CARRIED OUT ITS INSTRUCTIONS WITH CALL TO FOREIGN MINISTER. KHALATBARY NOTED USG SUPPORT FOR CHADIAN REQUEST AND THAT IRANIAN ASSISTANCE BE GRANTED. HE REFERRED TO PRESS ITEM THIS MORNING WHICH REPORTED FORTHCOMING MEETING OF CHADIAN AND LIBYAN HEADS OF STATE TO END THE FIGHTING AND INDICATED HE WILL RAISE THE QUESTION WHEN HE MEETS WITH CHADIANS AT 1600 TODAY. HE ALSO ASKED WHAT WAS FRENCH POSITION ON THIS. AMBASSADOR SAID IT WAS HIS UNDER-STANDING THAT FRENCH SUPPORT SUCH AID.

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2. LATER SAME MORNING, ON AMBASSADOR'S BEHALF, POLCOUNS CALLED GENERAL DJOGO AT HIS HOTEL TO INFORM HIM THAT AMBASSADOR HAD JUST EXPRESSED USG SUPPORT FOR CHADIAN REQUEST TO KHALATBARY. POLCOUNS MENTIONED WE HAD QUERIED DEPARTMENT RE HIS REQUEST FOR $2500 TO COVER TEHRAN EXPENSES (SEPTEL).

3. WHEN POLCOUNS ASKED WHAT THE GENERAL MADE OF PRESS REPORT

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THAT TWO HEADS OF STATE WOULD BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING, DJOGO REPLIED HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THIS BY HIS GOVERNMENT THROUGH CHADIAN AMBASSADOR IN PARIS LAST NIGHT, FEBRUARY 18, BUT ALSO TOLD THE FIGHTING IS CONTINUING, WITH THE FALL OF FAYA LARGEAU. THERE WAS NOTHING IN THESE NEWS ITEMS TO ALTER HIS MISSION, DJOGO SAID.

4. WHEN TOLD OF KHALATBARY'S QUERY RE THE POSITION OF THE FRENCH, GENERAL DJOGO SAID BASIC FRENCH POSITION IS IN FAVOR OF SUCH AID, BUT GOF HAS TO TREAD CAREFULLY ON THIS SUBJECT BECAUSE OF FRENCH ELECTIONS. HE DID NOT REVEAL IF HE WOULD BE APPROACHING THE FRENCH HERE BUT IMPLICATION WAS HE WOULD NOT, AT LEAST FOR NOW.

5. DJOGO SAID HIS CURRENT PLANS ARE TO TRY TO COMPLETE HIS BUSINESS AND LEAVE BY TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21. HE TOOK POLCOUNS' HOME PHONE IN CASE HE NEEDS TO GET IN TOUCH AFTER THE AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON TOMORROW.

6. COMMENT: UNLESS THE SHAH HAS DECIDED TO MOVE FASTER THAN WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN GIVEN REASON TO BELIEVE, WE DOUBT CHADIANS WILL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THEIR MISSION HERE BY MORNING FEBRUARY 21.
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